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## ***PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES***

DATE: AUGUST 13, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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### **MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mark J. Newman, Chair

John Cuddeback

Jerome Doyle, Vice Chair

Ronald Flowers

, Secretary

Robert Gensheimer

Mark Purkey, Board of Trustee Representative

Julia A. Morford, Recording Secretary

**ROLL CALL:** Mark J. Newman, Jerome Doyle, John Cuddeback, Ronald Flowers, Robert Gensheimer, and Mark Purkey

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:02 p.m. by Planning Commission Chair **MARK NEWMAN** with Roll Call and the Pledge to the American Flag.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: DOYLE MOVED**, seconded by Purkey to adopt the Agenda as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: FLOWERS MOVED**, seconded by Doyle to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2012 as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Continued Update of Master Plan**

Some of the information such as the 2012 Water Report needed for the Draft Master Plan still is not available so will have to go with the 2011. **NEWMAN** will meet with the Clerk to get the Survey Data assembled. It was asked if we could get the smaller version of the FEMA Flood Plain maps. **NEWMAN** reviewed the information that had been received. If anyone has any additional supplements please have them at the next meeting.

The new Master Plan will be an entirely different book; not combined with the current Master Plan. The Master Plan will be reviewed by Attorney Steve Moulton. When the final version is completed, a copy will be available for the Planning Commission, the Board of Trustees, the office staff, and a copy will be available for the front counter.

**MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES THAT WERE OR NEED FURTHER DISCUSSION:**

1. Supervisor Terry Peck is the Zoning Administrator and makes the determination on issues.
2. Set backs are in force in order to get emergency vehicles between buildings.
3. There is a very detailed pond ordinance in effect for the protection of the residents.
4. The ordinances need to be enforced in order to make the community safe.
5. The sign ordinance needs to be updated; the “Freedom of Speech” issue is of a great Concern (time and place restrictions is a difficult topic to approach in order to not violate the First Amendment).

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

7:33 P.M. – OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

7:34 P.M. – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

**VII. BOARD COMMENTS:**

1. **PURKEY:** looking for a new member for the Planning Commission, if you know someone, contact Supervisor Peck; had discussed waiting until January 2013 because that is when Mr. Buell’s term would expire; recommended having a short resume with background information as to what a person would bring to the Planning Commission; the Planning Commission is a subject that most people don’t have any contact with until you get into public life such as a builder or developer, etc. due to the understanding the ordinances. Everything the township does is controlled by state statute.
2. **GENSHEIMER:** by law, do we need another member?
3. **NEWMAN:** the by-laws require someone be appointed within a reasonable amount of time.
4. **DOYLE:** on the subject of ponds – what is the status of the pond off Mt. Morris Road because it was supposed to be a drain; the drain works but is still a pond; is the Road Commission still working on McKinley Road.
5. **NEWMAN:** looking forward to completing the Master Plan book and then start working on the sign ordinance; does any Planning Commission Member anticipate being absent from any meetings for the next few months?
6. **GENSHEIMER:** wanted to know if Attorney Moulton was working on the recreational vehicle ordinance?

7. **MORFORD:** explained the way the travel trailer ordinance was drafted was people like to have their recreational vehicles in their driveway during the summer and during hunting season; there was a time period of three (3) months during the summer and then the hunting season in the fall; in the “off season” the recreational vehicles had to be parked on the side of the house or in the back yard. The “100” foot rule involved a resident in the northern part of the township who wanted to see the corner or her road and couldn’t because of the recreational vehicle in the neighbor’s drive.
8. **PURKEY:** issues discussed at the Board of Trustees Meeting to be reviewed by Attorney Moulton are disorderly conduct, signs, and recreational vehicles.

**VIII. NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**FUTURE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:**

OCTOBER 1, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.  
NOVEMBER 12, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.  
DECEMBER 10, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Due to lack of business matters, **NEWMAN** adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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MARK J. NEWMAN, Chair

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JULIA A. MORFORD, Recording Secretary

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Date of Approval